

Prompting is a hint, instruction, or any extra information that will help your child learn to take a better turn.

How to prompt

Give your child the exact information s/he needs to learn. Help her/him focus on the new information and break it into small steps so s/he can succeed.

Focus attention:

If your child points to milk and says “uh uh” or “muh”, you can:

- ✓ **Point** or hold the milk close to your mouth as you say “milk”.
- ✓ **Exaggerate** the look or sound of “milk” by pressing your lips together.
- ✓ **Change** the way you say the sound or word by whispering, saying it louder, saying it slower.
- ✓ **Repeat** your instructions – encourage your child to say the sound or word again.

Use small steps:

- ✓ **Emphasize** an easy sound in the word “mmmmmmmmilk”.
- ✓ **Use your fingers** to shape your child’s lips into the “m” position.
- ✓ **Pronounce** the first sound of the word “milk” and wait for your child to say the word.
- ✓ **Match your child’s level** – for example, if your child is at a one-word level, say “milk” instead of “ I want milk”.

